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.....
金色石を持って生まれてきた
少年サフランを手に入れた者
は幸せになると言われている。
そのため、奪に狙われるサフラン
は、幼い頃からカイに守られ
てきた。ずっと側にいるカイの
ことがサフランは好きでカイ
もまたサフランが好きだったが、
不幸を招くという銀色石を持
って生まれてきたカイは、その
想いを隠していて……。
182ページ全編描き下ろしでお
贈りする切ない恋物語。
.....



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*A silver one,
misfortune.*

*A gold stone
brings luck,*

*We don't know
when people
first gave weight
to that old
wife's tale.*





Kan

gugugugu

If you
practice
like this,

he will surely
bring you happiness.



KAI!!

KAI!!

WHERE DID
YOU GO?

WE'RE
GOING OUT.
GET READY
!!



I'M NOT ALLOWED
TO GO
ANYWHERE
WITHOUT YOU!



WHAT KIND OF
BODYGUARD
ARE YOU IF
YOU'RE
NEVER
AROUND?!

AAAAAAAAA-



GEEZ!!

tsup

!!

AAAAAH!



catch



ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT,

SAFFRON?



KAI!!

PLEASE
BE
CAREFUL.

NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
LUCK YOU
POSSESS.

A FALL
DOWN
THE STAIRS
WILL STILL
HURT YOU.





OKAA-SAMA
ADVISED ME
TO APPROACH
NO MORE
OFTEN
THAN
STRICTLY
NECESSARY.

1 only dignified business
2 was looking for soul

IF YOU'D
JUST
STICK
AROUND,
IT WOULDN'T
HAPPEN!!

THAT'S STUPID...
WE'RE COUSINS!!
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT!

BUT I DO.
AS DOES
EVERYONE.

SAFFRON.

YOU KNOW
WHAT
MY BIRTHSTONE
MEANS,



IT DOESN'T
BOTHER
ME.

BUT,



I AM
IMPRESSED.

HOWEVER,
THAT IS
BECAUSE YOU
WERE BORN
WITH
A GOLDEN
STONE.

"Birthstone."

In this
country,

TO OTHERS
BORN HOLDING
A STONE
OF A
DIFFERENT
COLOUR,

MY EXISTENCE
IS MORE
ABHORRENT
THAN THAT
OF A GHOST.



Ruby Red



Int's Blue



Legend
says that
the colour of
the stones
divines
one's fate.



Sunset
Orange

Of
these colours,
two carry
a special
meaning.

TO
EVERYONE,

THE
SILVER STONE
I CARRY
MEANS
NOTHING
BUT
DISASTER.

They are...

The citizens
are born
into the world

Clutching
a brilliant stone
in their hand.

Every person
carries
a single stone.



People say that
gold brings luck
and silver,
misfortune.

Gold and silver

WELL,

WHERE
ARE WE
GOING
TODAY?

The owners
of those
two colours

are respectively
exceptionally
loved
and exceptionally
hated.

WEREN'T
YOU
ASKING ME
TO GET
READY?

HUH?.

Loved...

YEAH,
I WAS...

OH



SAFFRON !!

WE'RE
GOING TO
CONGRATULATE
MY SISTER
ON THE BIRTH
OF HER
THIRD CHILD.



And hated.



KOMARU!!

Agitated

IT'S BEEN
SO LONG
SINCE WE
CROSSED
PATHS!!

HOW
ARE
YOU?









GET OUT
OF THE WAY

!!

I think



SAFFRON
HAS THINGS
TO ATTEND
TO.

S...

SORRY

SEE
YOU,
SAFFRON.





OH PLEASE.
THAT'S
NOT EVEN FUNNY.
I DON'T WANT
ANYTHING TO DO
WITH HIM.

YOU'RE
TAKING
KAI'S
SIDE?!

(he was
looking full
disaster)



HE'S
ALWAYS
GETTING IN
THE WAY.

I CAN'T GET
ANYWHERE
NEAR SAFFRON
WITH THAT
GUY AROUND.

BUT,

SINCE
SAFFRON
CARRIES
A GOLD
STONE,

THERE ARE
MANY PEOPLE
WHO'D EVEN
RESORT
TO KIDNAPPING
TO GET HOLD
OF HIM.

THAT'S THE
WHOLE
REASON
WHY SAFFRON'S
PARENTS
HIRED KAI...

... CAN'T
HELP IT.

THAT'S
WHAT
KEEPS
SAFFRON
SAFE.



IT'S
POSSIBLE
THAT
SAFFRON
MIGHT
IMPART SOME
OF HIS
LUCK
TO KAI.

DON'T
LOOK
AT
ME.

WITH
KAI
THERE,

BUT

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT IT
WOULD TAKE
TO RECEIVE
SOME OF
THAT LUCK,

BUT
WHATEVER
THE CASE,
HE'S ALWAYS
ALLOWED
AT
SAFFRON'S
SIDE.

THE
SILVER STONE
MIGHT BRING
MISFORTUNE
TO SAFFRON,
TOO.



WHAT?

YOU
MEAN
YOU
DON'T
KNOW?

DAMN IT!

WHY
HIM
OF
ALL
PEOPLE
...



KAI'S MOTHER
WAS
SAFFRON'S
FATHER'S
LITTLE SISTER.

ALTHOUGH
I HEARD SHE
LEFT HOME
THE MOMENT
SHE GAVE
BIRTH TO KAI.



IF NOT FOR
HIS LITTLE
SISTER'S
MEMORY,

THERE'S
NO WAY
HE'D HIRE
THE OWNER OF A
SILVER STONE -
NO MATTER
HOW SKILLED.



YES.

HER
BIRTHSTONE
IS A
RASPBERRY
ONE?

IT MEANS
"WITH
LOVABILITY
AND
SWEETNESS."

WELL?

PLEASE
SAFFRON.



WELL,
THEN
FIRST,

HOW ABOUT
A KISS
FOR LUCK
ON HER
BIRTHSTONE
?

IN THAT CASE,
I'M SURE
SHE'LL
GROW TO BE A
BEAUTIFUL
DAUGHTER.

I WONDER
WHAT A
GOOD NAME
WOULD BE?

THINK
OF A NAME
FOR HER.







BUT DO NOT
GO DOWN
THE STAIRS
WITHOUT
ME.

I WILL
BE IN
THE ENTRANCE
HALL. PLEASE
CALL ME
WHEN YOU'RE
DONE.

SAFFRON.

WE WOULD
NOT WANT
YOU
TO SLIP
AND FALL.



IF YOU DO
NOT OBJECT,
PLEASE
ALLOW ME
TO HOLD
YOUR HAND
AND WALK
YOU DOWN.





YOU TWO
SEEM
TO GET
ALONG
WELL,
AS
ALWAYS.

HE'S BEEN
AT MY SIDE
THE ENTIRE
16 YEARS
SINCE I
WAS BORN.



ISN'T
IT
INEVITABLE
?

and if
we're
really
"get along"

I COULDN'T
DO IT...
I ALWAYS
REMEMBER WHAT
HAPPENED
TO HIS
MOTHER.





THAT NIGHT
WHEN
AUNT CAPE
GAVE BIRTH
TO HIM 26
YEARS AGO,

HOW CAN
YOU EXPECT
OTHERWISE.
HER CHILD
WAS THE BEARER
OF A SILVER
STONE!!

THAT
CAN'T
BE

THE SHOCK
WAS SO GREAT,
THAT SHE FLED
THE HOUSE.

AT THAT TIME,
SHE HAD
RETURNED
TO THE VILLAGE
TO GIVE BIRTH

AND
WAS STAYING
IN THE MANSION
WHERE YOU
LIVE NOW,
SAFFRON.



BUT FROM
THE MOMENT
SHE FLED INTO
THE FOREST
OF THE NORTH
BEHIND
THE MANSION.

SHE WAS
NEVER SEEN
OR HEARD
FROM AGAIN.
NO MATTER
HOW HARD
EVERYONE
SEARCHED.

NO.
ALL
THEY
FOUND,



WAS A
GOLD
BIRTHSTONE.

WHAT?
YOU
MEAN



HAVING LOST
ITS POWER,
THE STONE
WAS BURIED
RIGHT THERE
IN THE FOREST.

SO
THE
STORY
GOES.

KAI'S MOTHER
WAS
THE OWNER
OF A GOLD
BIRTHSTONE
?!



I CAN ONLY
THINK OF KAI
AS THE ONE
WHO BROUGHT
MISFORTUNE
TO AUNT CAPE.

I BEG
OF YOU.
DON'T GET
TOO CLOSE
TO KAI.

SAFFRON,



Mother
and an siblings
can only
attend
for you

The only one
who respects
him as
"his little
sister's son"
is Jordan

Everyone

Everyone's like that—

They only
try to get
close to me
because
of my
birthstone.

Also, you
included

WORRIED
FOR
ME?

YOU'RE ONLY
WORRIED
BECAUSE
I CARRY
A GOLD STONE.

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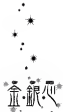
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Important Translator Note:

Yes, please read this. It'll help comprehend and follow the story better.

From this point on, think of Happiness, Fortune and Luck as interchangeable. The manga uses "shiawase," which encompasses all of that, but in order to properly word the phrases correctly, sometimes I'll use Happiness and other times I'll use Fortune or Luck. Just know that they all stem from the same Japanese word. The same applies for Misfortune, Unhappiness and Unluckiness.

Enjoy~! <3



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Afterward

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Kai.

Don't think
about the time.

you tripped on
the stairs.

Saffron!!

Slowly—

I thought
we were
supposed to
stay
together!!

I can't call
for him
unless I have
some kind of
business to
do.

top



Reach



If I slipped,
you wouldn't
care?

So please,
don't slip!





Her?

—Long
ago.

—Long ago, when
you were still little,
I used to often
hold your hand
just like this.



Back then, you
used to always
complain that my
hands were cold.

So he do



I started
making tea
for you
when you
were little.

That's
what

—Me.



Since you
were really
attached to me,

I was told,
"Don't
approach him
unless it's
necessary."

Thinking about it
now, your mother
probably said it
out of jealousy.



The reason I
was attached
to you is

...Well,
obviously.



because I only
had you.



I've always
only had you.

Even after
seeing me, you
never wanted
anything from
me.



They only want
me for my look.

My father
and mother.

my siblings
and the
others...



I wasn't
what
everyone
treasured.

It was just
the gold
stone that
brings luck.



Saffron,
which of these
dresses would
be best for me
to wear?

So that my
business does
well, give me a
kiss for good
luck.

Saffron.



Kal

Wishes

yet if I were to
fall down the
stairs and get
injured, they
wouldn't care
at all.

If I were
kidnapped, they
would only
worry that
the stone would
then belong to
someone else.

I don't want
my existence,

to become
something that
was useless.

Saffron.





Ka



Ka, the
child is
Saffron.



Now then,

let's return
before darkness
falls.



Look, isn't
he cute?

This child was born with
the same golden stone
your mother had.



It's your duty to
protect this child.



Me? Why?



That's why.

I thought
that this
child was
Cape
reborn.

She wasn't
married but

there was a man
whom she loved



That's because
you're the son of
Cape's beloved

But you said
I wasn't
your son.

-Ah, yeah



He also married
Cape but

Due to
certain reasons,
he left town.



Many people don't
think anything of it
because Cape
possessed the
gold stone

by then,
you were already
inside her tunnel



However,

I was born holding
a silver stone and

everyone started to
hate my mother.

My turn.

brought
me
hope in
my life.

That's why
this time,
it's your
turn to
protect

I know
that
even if

Kai

That
which
Uncle told
me as a
child



he hadn't
once
reached
out to
touch me.

Uncle had
spoken
those
words to
me,



Saffron
did



There's just
no way I
could wish
for anything
more.

With the
warmth of
his hand



Saffron!!

Oh

Koharu...



I mustn't
wish for
anything
more~





That's my
choice.

I like it in
here because
it's not noisy.

Everyone
was making a
face outside the
library saying
you were
inside.

Where's
Kai?

I don't see
him. Is he
in the
restroom?



Carlton.

this is the only book
regarding birthstones
on this bookshelf.

He's here.







A map of
the Northern
Forest?

Yeah...

I've been
looking for
it.



Why would
you need
something
like that?

I thought I'd
go and take a
look.

Will you hear
me out?

You need to
keep it a secret
from Kai and
everyone else.





You can't!!

In the Northern Forest?

Started

...Huh?

Why not?



you need an expert to guide you through to go to another country. It's a forest no one dares to enter.

It's dangerous.

Compasses won't work there and



Because isn't....

that forest filled with misfortune?



If possible,
I'd like to go.

There's a thing
that was left
there...

Even your aunt
was never found
there, right?

...Yeah,

but.





- for Kai,
right?

Blush

!!



But if you
find any
information
about it,
contact me!

Write me a
letter so Kai
won't find out!

M...
No way!!

But!



Bye!

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...Saffron.

What were
you talking
about with
Kohaku?

Nothing
at all.

Let's go!



Dear Saffron,
I've found what you're looking for.
Meet me tomorrow at the library.

Kohaku

P.S.
Reply the usual way,
via the restaurant owner's daughter.



Sory wharf

Kohaku and
Saffron together!!





Lately, they can
always be found
in the library
together.

But that's
what the
rumors say,
Ferry!

You're
joking
right?

Kai saw them
in the process
of exchanging
letters.

Maybe you
can confirm
the rumor
for Shikata?



That's stupid.
But if that's
true then,



Kai is...

It's not like he
hasn't worked—



That?

Um.

What look
are you
looking for
today?



It's okay for
today. So look
for something
to read for
yourself.

Kobako has
the book I
requested.



See you.

Are you okay
with that?

Keeping silent and
leaving the two
of them alone.





Q... Can you
hear me out
without making
eye-contact?

That's close
enough. Don't
come near
me.



I was
surprised.

The two of
them really did
become close.



to think that
person would be
Kobato...

your relationship
with each other is
special. That's why
if he were to get
along well with
anyone else, there
has to be some deep
meaning behind it
but,

Considering
Saffron
doesn't get
along with
just anybody,





So you're saying,

I shouldn't allow anyone to touch Saffron!

If anyone can be with Saffron then,

they'll take that chance and start a relationship!

Not a friend



Someone as intense and pushy as Kohaku is the most dangerous of them all!



And it would be better if she were already his friend.



If he were to get along with someone, it should be a girl.

Saffron is but 16 years old.

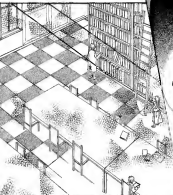
-That.

is what you
should tell 'him
yourself, please.



If there's
anything
more for you
to approve,

you, yourself,
should confront
him with all these
expectations.



It was the reason he got
interested and I tried really hard
to make it that way, but it sounds
rather confusing huh, so here's
my brief explanation. He knows
exactly what Barry is getting
worked up over and, guess it's not
Sohiron, but his place along in the
last page is what those children
would tell it could be for Sohiron,
but this isn't. On this page, Kae is
telling Barry know that he knows
his real father and that she
should confront him herself!



It seems like my
dad participated in
the search party
26 years ago.

Thanks,
Kobaku.

This is the
map of the
Northern
Forest.

I found it in
my house.

-but-

I'm against you
going into the
forest, Saffron.

I've written it
over and over in
the letters but,



Even if you do
happen to find
the powerless,
golden stone.

there's no way
it'll bring Kai
fortune.



Because it's
a memento
of his mother.

This has
nothing to do
with the power
of a stone.

So it really
is for Kai's
sake.

I won't give
you this map.

It's about recovering
something precious to
Kai that was lost.



I've only
thought about it
but, wouldn't it
be useless?



Why not-

Because
you're doing
it for him!



But-

You treat
Kai with too
much particular
kindness

That may be
because you
carry the gold
stone.



...I've

been thinking
about you.



It looks more like
you have special
feelings for him.

And
brotherly
love,
is not what
I'm talking
about.







Saffron.

Wh...

Don't touch



Center

I want to know more about Saffron.

He's the Vice

Center

clench

If I allow only you, then everyone else will want to, too.

Saffron.

It's almost time we return.

It's almost time we return.

Kohaku,

If you want to ask Saffron out next time send your letters through me.



crumple
them up

It's not like I'd
open them or

What
...?



If there's someone
else you want to
get along with, tell
me properly.

And you,
Saitama.

Well...



I thought I'd
lost your trust
in me.



Um...

You know,
Kal.

T

Okay...

Sorry, Kal.

Saffron.

—



I just had a
favor to ask of
him, it's not....

What
...?

I wasn't
really get-
ting intimate
with him!

Heh heh
heh heh



It's best if

you don't get
too close to
Kohaku.

... But,

that's not
what it looked
like to me.





Th... There's
nothing like
that!

Because there's
no one else
except you
who—

That is...



Me...

toward
Kohaku?



It looks more
like you have
special feelings
for him.



Goodnight

—



—

I don't have
anyone except
you, Kai.

Blush

I have no
feelings like
that toward
him.

...none at
all.



Isn't that
absolutely
wildly?

...That's a
funny thing
to say.



Since it's you, Saitora,
there are countless of
sisters for you.



Sisters that
would make
your father and
mother delighted.



And I would be
content if you
found an especially
cute, older girl.

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Just.

That's a relief that there's nothing going on with Kohaku-kun.

Thank you, Kai.

OF COURSE.

Saffron's getting older too, huh.



But I also want
to consider Saffron's
feelings.

and the next
thing I know, the
marriage proposals
come in.

Some rumors
started all of
a sudden,

for her, it
is her.

Kai, do you
know what kind
of girl Saffron
likes?

"None of all"

.. No.

Since it's the
birthstone's fault
that he can't get
close to others,

this may be the
opportunity you need
to select a few
potential editors.

I don't have
anyone except
you, Kai.

I see, that's
a good idea.

I'll also discuss
this with my
wife.

You're the one
who knows most
about Gaffron.

I think Asuka
will oppose the
idea though.

I'll ask for your
cooperation in the selection
process as well, Kai.

It's better
to settle this
quickly.

It's best
to properly
search.

Click

for the
most
suitable
partner for
Saffron.

If not.

Flop

Creak





Oh,

Kal

Mmm...?

Where did
you go?

I came to
talk to you,
but since you
were late....

Cling



Once
tomorrow comes,
my determination
will dissipate.

I can't.



If you want
to talk, tell me
tomorrow.



Kal.

T.

Today at the library, Kohaku also said the same thing to me.

but that's when I understood.

I like you.

If I said

that there's no one but Kai that I would love, then the moment I start to deny it,

That's a funny thing to say





But,

I do think you'll
find another.

I become
overwhelmed
in grief.



Why?

You're the only
one who sees me
for real.

I won't love
anyone else!



My resolve will surely fade

...Saffron.

Don't
misunderstand.

I'm not
demanding any
proof from you.

Someday,
I'll begin responding
to his feelings.

is the same power
that brings my
misfortune, even
with you by my side.

A stone has the
power to kill just as
it has the power to
never allow me
happiness.

That's why, if he
takes my hand,

if I start
to hope,
I know it'll
become
painful.

It's because I know
that the nature of
your fortune,





I'm certain that
even if you embraced
me, my existence will
not change.

that same power
that draws fortune
to him will also
invite misfortune.

instead,

if that were to
happen, everyone's
adoration will trans-
form to scorn when
misfortune befalls
upon you.





I've
already

always with
you, so that I'll
never happen...



—
You have
a lot of
confidence,
but,



As for being
by my side,

That's why,
you have no
meaning to
me.

The golden
stone's power
has no meaning
to me.



that's because if
not, you wouldn't
be able to live.



I may
no longer
be the
only one
targeted by
misfortune.

I know that
all too well



If I embraced
Saffron,

I get it.

Enough
already.

A letter from
Saffron?

What?!



How can I possibly
respond to his feelings

I've delivered
it as promised.





Weren't you the
one who said that
if I wanted to go
out, I needed to
inform you first?

This letter
is for Kohaku?



A response
from Kohaku.



Saffron.



are you meeting
with Kohaku...



No
need.

I won't rely on
someone like
you!



If you need
something done,
I'm here.



Who I decide
to hang out with
doesn't concern
you.



There's no way
I can count on

someone who's
only forced to
be by my side!



—Dear Saffron,
It's my pleasure to have received your letter.

Tomorrow, I look forward to
meeting you at the library. But,



When you want to go to the Northern Forest, I absolutely insist on going with you. That's why I will not give you the map.

—Kohaku

I can't do anything unless he lends me that map.

Urgh—

—

I want to search for it myself.

Teh.

Kai says such miserable things.

It was strange, though, the way he was quivering like that.

I can't bring myself to find happiness when



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Even if it's just
a bit, I thought I
could give you some
happiness.



Kal,

will you look
at these for
me.



See if you can choose
a candidate to be
Saffron's girlfriend.



Please explain
the details to
Saffron.

Cal!



First, we'll need to
send out invites for
the tea ceremony.

Can he attend?

That's all
to do.



Saffron,

I know you
promised to meet
with Kahoika
today but,

The weekend?

please don't
make plans for
this weekend.

Kyo!

Kyo!



Um...

Saffron.



Saffron.

And what the hell
are you doing?

This
weekend?

We're very
delighted....

Thank you for
inviting us this
weekend.

Tan-fung



!

Your father has arranged for these young women to visit the mansion to have some fun and asked that you keep this weekend open...

For a tea ceremony.

Huh?

What do you mean?

Each young lady comes from a prestigious family in order to—





...Eh,

you can't
mean,

To become
your girlfriend,
Saffron.



you planned this?



Even
though I

confessed my
feelings for you,

you still
suddenly—



I only wish

for your
happiness,
Saffron.





"Happiness,"
you say.....

—

you to do
something like that
behind my back!

I didn't
ask.....

You don't know
anything at all,
Kull!

How is this bringing
us happiness? How is
this respecting my
feelings?

You don't know
anything.



Dash

Saffron!

You'll just decide
what my happiness
is by yourself!







...He's not
here.

Neither is
Kohaku?



Where could
they have gone?



...the...
...the...

Serfion.

Ray.

I don't want
to go home.

Not until the
weekend's over!

Is it really okay
doing something
like this?

We'll be
fine!!

The weekend...
I didn't bring any
equipment for
that, though.



Since I have the
golden stone.



But I don't feel
very fortunate
at all, right now.

Isn't
right, but
that's
what I
feel!

Oh,
that's
true.



That's why.

What is it
that you
mean by that?

That's
why.

Go.

What did
you say?

no one should rely
on the legend of
these stones.

Ko



That
it....

What is
the meaning
of this?

And
he's with
Kohaku?

Saffron's
whereabouts are
unknown!

clatter

Woot



...Not here
either, huh.

Raffle



Are you saying
this happened
because you
suggested that
Saffron should
obtain a
girlfriend?



If we at least
had the letters
exchanged
between Saffron
and Kohaku...

It can't be helped
if he found out
about it and hates
us for it.



There must be
something here
to indicate where
he went....

It's just
unfortunate—





Wait right there.
What are you
planning to do?

I'm going out
to look for
Saffron.

I'm sure he
hasn't returned
from the forest
yet.

Kull

PL
Please wait.





The bringer
of misfortune.

...Y-You

shouldn't
say things
like that—

If
you're...

The silver stone.

If you're holding a
grudge against Kai,
what'll happen...





You need

But,

even more so, he
ventured into the
Northern Forest.



to protect
Saffron.

by the
person who
would not
even touch
me.

I was told

That's
exactly why.

If you're upset
with him, or hold
a grudge against
him...

This is like the same
thing that happened
to Cape.



History may
repeat itself—

He?

Wonder
what this
mark is.

I need to
protect Saffron—

Protect him.

Where?

This here.
There's a single
triangle.

The others
are all
crosses.



The location of
the golden stone—?



could this
be...

Hey.



You're right.



Be—

If we go there,
we can head
back home.

Really?

*that's better
if we get lost*

But it's
rather far
from the
path...



Let's go!!



All right,
fine.

—

Yeah.

Just in
case...

I'll drop objects to
mark our path as
we go...

I wonder if we'll
really be able to
find our way
back.

What
purpose
would
Saffron
have.

to venture
into this
forest?

I suppose I should
be grateful Kohaku
is with him.

A coin....



What's

that?



—

A house?

A hut?



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But, it's just
what we need,
Saffron.

I'm sure it'll
be dark soon.

Let's rest here
until morning.

...Okay.

Hey.

Probably...

Seems
like it.

Hey, could the
triangle mark on the
map be referring to
this place?



Creak

There's
no one
here....

Or perhaps it
was never
used?

But hey,

we did make
it this far. That
should be good
enough, right?

Tomorrow,
at first light,
we should
head home.

...You
listening?

Saffron!

Mm...

Then, I wonder
where the stone
is buried?

The map never did
indicate the
stone's location.

I thought the 14
monks returned
to places we
shouldn't go.



..At.

I really
want to find
the stone.



Urg.

Searching for the
stone is for Kad's
sake, isn't it?

I don't really
benefit from this
in the least.

If we return and
I've thought of as a
kidnapper?

Did you think
about that
at all?

I've had
enough
already.



grasp

No one will
support your
relationship?



Do you realize that
even if you've grown
to love Kai, even if
you can't help it,



... Even,

Even if you
say that...



I myself

would give up if
you'd chosen a girl
as your partner.



If you're
fine with
Kai,

then even I can
be capable of
being your
partner.

Really?

SHO

Stop it!!

-UE

-St-



Don't I deserve
a small gratuity
in return?

Haven't I
supported you
this far?



Don't touch
me!



It's fine with me
if I'm harassed
when we return
to town.

If that happens,
I'll just have your
bodyguard, Kai,
take the blame.

Wh...

Kai!



A
light...



Swish





clench

grasp

grasp

Behave.



grasp

And do
what I say!

yank

slap

Kohakut!

Stop!





RUSTLE

CRACK

In such
a place.

A
shock?



Saffron!

RUSH

I said stop
it!

Parent!

Why are you
doing—

—gh



Ka

Ka

Ka

SLAM



!!

Ka...
Kall!

Fwip

Kall...

—



What the fuck
are you doing to
Saffron?

Grabs

I

.....



That's...



...uh



I—

I didn't do anything.



There's a scratch on his face.





Do you
want a cursed
cousin?



A life without
a single
blissing.

Feeling miserable,
in pain,

and deserted
by all.



Kaill

— No.

Please stop!!
I'm sorry.

I won't go near
Saffron again!!



An existence with no
salvation. Living all
alone. I can borrow
that upon you.

SLAM

Uwaaaah!

So
please....

Please spare
me!!



—

...Kal





The village is in
turmoil over your
disappearance,
Saffron.

Everyone is
worried.

Let's head
back.



shake
shake

.....



I won't go
back.



Even though I
said I was by
your side—

Saitou,
that's—

You,
threatened
Kohaku like
that and,

If you continue
to show me, I'll
never go home.



At this rate,
I can't go
back.

It's because of
this silver stone.

that you're
always thought
of as unlucky.

—Saffr—



!!

Snap

Saffron!?

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Saffron!!
What are
you d...

Chome

Wh...



Gulp

—No



Saffron!!

Why did you
do such a
thing—

Spit it out
now!

— Ah

He—

I won't give
it back.

LS PHON



In exchange,
I'll give you
my stone.



And one
more thing.





If I find it in this forest, I'll give it to you, Kai.



Your mother's golden stone as well.

you ventured too deep into the forest.

you'll be the one with the most desired stone.

With the two of them,

Saffron

has just that reason.



That's
why.

someday, I only
wish to see you
truly smile.

— I wish to see
you truly find
happiness.



It's not that
I always thought
of myself as
unfortunate



Kal...?



Being at
Saffron's side,
there's no way
I could think that



I'm.

always been
happy.

Saffron.



It's
because
he's always
always by
my side
that

It's not possible
for me to be
unhappy with
Seifron around

I've found
salvation



The
wintry-
colored
stone,

the eyes
of those
who know
the mean-
ing of it,



and even
my own
abandoned
mother

returned alone.
Is that what
you're saying,
Kahnel?

And then
you,

As long as I
have Saffron,
I don't care for
any of that

-And then...



Saffron
was—

...But

You lot don't
know a thing—

Stop it.

But dear, at
this rate it'll
really—

be exactly
the same
as that
time.

25 years
ago.



It can't be that
they won't return?

You're
talking
about Kai?



...But?

HE...

The
faded
golden
stone-

...took that
child away.

I'll guide you to
where I left them.
At first glance, the forest
isn't that...



If you know
which direction
is dangerous,
the forest
isn't that
complicated...

...Right?

Isn't
that...

—





And there was
a shack where
it seemed was
inhabitable
by someone.

How is it...



that forest
is dangerous,
Kohaku.

No,

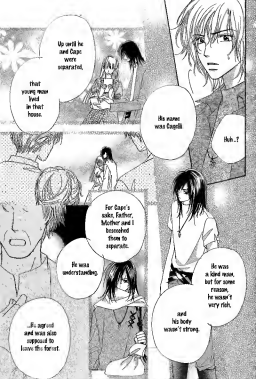


The only one
who lived there
was Kai's father.



My little sister,
Cape, certainly
lost her way
in that
forest.

All that
was left
was a stone
in that shack.



Up until he
and Cape
were
separated,

that
young man
lived
in that
house.

His name
was Cape.

Huh..?

For Cape's
sake, Father,
Mother and I
beseeched
them to
separate.

He was
understanding.

..He agreed
and was also
supposed to
leave the forest.

He was
a kind man,
but for some
reason,
he wasn't
very rich,

and
his body
wasn't strong.



And yet

I'm unable
to move.

Saffron,

Kai...

It frightens me
when you show
such a painful
expression.

My heart will always
be with you.

...You know,

I think
that.

During
the
painful
times,
the sad
moments,
or when
happiness
cannot
be found.

I'm
all right.

I'm truly happy.



If that's true,
she probably
wanted to
take you too.

Your mother
surely came to visit
her beloved here
as they could dope.

but I'm sure
she had her
reasons for
not doing so.



I already
knew why.



I'm totally fine
so I'm sure
your mother
must've been
fine too!

It's not
because of
the silver
stone!

She knew that
if she didn't take you,
you would surely
find happiness
here.





The silver
stone and
the gold
stone.

...Speaking
of which,

there's
something
I need
to ask.

The
birth-
stones.

She knew I would
be born.

could it be
that...

I did some
investigation
on the stone.
Saffron was
searching for
her.

Uhm...



Up until the day
Saffron was born,
I believed she
was still alive.

The
birth-
stones

You think Sapph-
ire is no longer
in this world?



each
possesses
a color that
corresponds
to only one
living person
in this world

Because,
that's how
the legend
goes, isn't it?



Yes,
they're
rare.

Truly,

these
two colors
are special

Although
it's true that
gold and silver
are rare.



But it's a fact
that there are tens
of people who
have stones of
the same color!



They will
always.

In this world,
appear in a pair.

The Two
as One.



Despite that,
the two
are attracted
to each other.

is high.

Gold and silver
with fortune
and misfortune.

First

First







That's the
first time
I've seen you
smile like that.

I'm glad.

be careful.

Through joy

and grief.



was separated from
Capell. It appeared
as though their
feelings alone desired
to produce life.

Even
though
Capell

During
other
moments...

That's probably
when she became
pregnant with Kai.

Furthermore, she
wanted to get married.
It seemed like fortune
sealed upon them.



Finally



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On that
day.



when Kai was
born.



When he,

was born with
that stone in
his hand,

Only shining
and

That silver
stone.

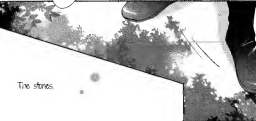
driving away good
fortune



Kail



Saffron!



The stones.



"26 years
ago in that
forest"

Even now, I feel
like this is
probably due to
Capell's grudge.

When we
separated
both stones...

their will to become
one called out to
each other.

"The stones
were buried
there."

Separated
both stones?

—



Kars
father,
had.

Then,

the one
"Lagell,"



His stone
was.

If I
slipped

If I slipped,
you wouldn't
come?

It was just
the once

Saitama?





that I let go of
your hand

...This can't
be real.

This...

Kai

Saffron.

Kai



that moment
when
Cagall's life
conquered

and under
her shock,
entered the
forest to see
for himself—

In my case,
that's when he
started the
Satan party and
from that, the
Satan church
has since
remained

Two
sides

I don't know if
Cagall ever
tried to place
to find out

give my
happiness

to you

when Kai was
born, I won-
der if Cagall
realized

—Upon
doing so,
Saffron was
born.



the least I could
do was bury
both stones
together

He had Kai by his
side, even though
he was a child of
misfortune

I thought



something terrible
would happen again if
both gold and silver
were separated

Attraction



Yearning

and ever shall
my heart be by
your side

We don't know
since when this
legend has
continued but,

forever.



Flutter



Hey!

Where did
that child run
off to.

You're terrible,
Kaka! You lost
sight of him
again!

42

I believe
that

His fate is
to find
happiness.

Plenty

Plenty

But I do feel
responsibility as
well as love.

As the one who
nursed that child, I
want you to take
some responsibility,
please.

Berry-

And you call
yourself a
father!!

Even though
we're
married





Rustle

What's
wrong?

how did...

For a child to
wander this
far,

Are you
lost?





Saffron.

Who are
you?

It's already been 5
years since I've
started living alone in
the back of this
forest.

I'm

Kai.



And if I let
go, I'm sure
to regret it.

Aren't you
sad being all
alone? *

Wh...
Why not? *

Then,

No, don't
hold my
hand.

I won't be able
to let go.





NOISE

No!!

No!!

Tug Tug



I'll ask Paddy and Mowsey if I can come back again!

Thanks to you, she's being rejected



...Geez

Anything and everything is exactly like him.



Then I'll come here again!

Kell





Then
promise me
this.

Saffron.

I'll give you
my happiness

Forever shall
my heart

When my day
of death
comes,

I want you
to



That huge
tree?

I'm
cowering
on you.

Okay—

But,



would it be a long,
long time before
that happens?

Forever.



bury me at the
base of that
tree.

be by your
side.



And up until
the very end,

And the rest
is history

we lived our
lives in
happiness.

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